



Buffalo-Niagara Falls

Selected Indicators

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area, New York State, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay—wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses—for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

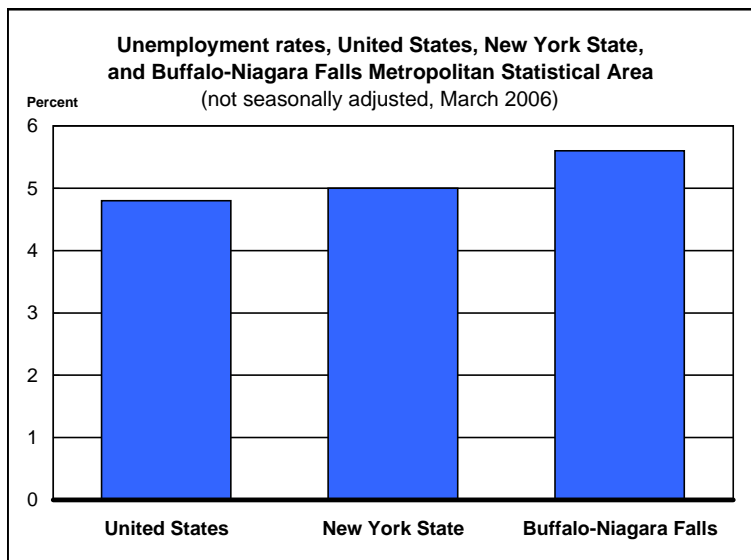
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2006	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	194.6	201.5	3.5
Northeast	206.9	214.7	3.8
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	190.2	197.2	3.7
Northeast	202.9	211.0	4.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2006^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	154.4	160.6	4.0
All commodities	155.0	163.8	5.7
Industrial commodities	157.2	168.2	7.0

p = preliminary

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,986.0	7,255.0	-731.0	-9.2
New York State	474.3	475.1	0.8	0.2
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	32.6	32.6	0.0	0.0

p = preliminary



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Mar. 20045	Mar. 2006	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	98.2	100.8	2.6
Northeast	97.6	100.9	3.4
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2004		
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All occupations		102	
Management, business, and financial		92	
Professional and related		97	
Service		108	
Sales and related		100	
Office and administrative support		102	
Construction and extraction		101	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		101	
Production		105	
Transportation and material moving		101	

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	132,038.0	134,117.0	2,079.0	1.6
New York State	8,414.3	8,500.5	86.2	1.0
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	539.2	542.3	3.1	0.6

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Buffalo-Niagara Falls MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	539.2	542.3
Construction and mining	16.7	16.3
Manufacturing	65.0	62.5
Trade, transportation and utilities	101.8	101.5
Professional and business	63.1	65.8
Financial activities	33.3	35.3
Education and health services	86.1	87.1
Government	95.7	96.4

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Erie and Niagara Counties. **The Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.